

1-2, 4-5, 8, 10 and 12-19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over U.S. Patents 5,766,274 and 5,689,031 and co-pending Application Nos. 09/464,179, 08/544,343, 09/098,231, 09/135,850 and 09/138,130. Accordingly, attached hereto are Terminal Disclaimers for each of the cited patents and co-pending applications in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the actual and provisional rejections. All cited references are commonly owned.

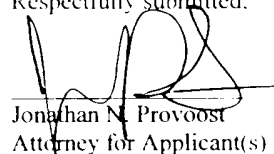
Further, the Examiner mentioned that the applicants are required to make of record any related patented and pending U.S. applications. In an Amendment to this application by applicants mailed May 19, 2000, applicants provided a list of all related patents and patent applications.

Lastly, the Examiner acknowledged receipt of 21 pages of PTO-1449 dated December 8, 1999, but was unable to locate or find any of the documents cited therein.

Attached hereto is a photocopy of the business reply card stamped by the clerk of Group 1700 on December 8, 1999, upon hand-delivered receipt of the box containing the accompanying references for the 21 pages of PTO-1449 by Betty Byrd, Inc., 201 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 803, Arlington, VA 22202. Further, representatives from Betty Byrd, Inc. informed applicants that delivery of the references was accompanied by personal notification to the Examiner of such delivery.

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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